

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
AGENDA NO. 15-03-17**

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For Work Week Commencing: March 16, 2015  
Commission Meeting: March 17, 2015, 9:00 a.m.

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**9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling** (Commission Conference Room – No Web Audio Feed)

**9:30 a.m. Business** (Bollinger Room)

**Public Comments**

**Action Items** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Approval of Commission Minutes (Aleisha)

Approval of the Commission Minutes for the week of March 9, 2015

2. People's Power & Gas, LLC (Joel)

As a licensed natural gas supplier in Montana, People's Power & Gas (PPG) is required to file an annual report at the end of each calendar year per ARM 38.5.7014. To date, PPG has not filed an annual report. On January 28, 2015, staff sent a certified letter to PPG reminding them that they needed to file an annual report or proceedings would start to revoke their license. The letter came back as unclaimed. ARM 38.5.7016(e) states that the Commission may revoke a natural gas supplier license with the failure to file an annual report. Staff recommends the Commission revoke the natural gas supplier license of PPG per ARM 38.5.7016(e). Probable Motion: Move to revoke the natural gas supplier license of People's Power & Gas LLC.

3. Lux Transfer & Storage, Inc. T-15.5.ST (Nickie)

On January 27, 2015 Lux Transfer & Storage, Inc., Bozeman, Montana filed an application to transfer PSC No. 1582 to InterWest Montana LLC d/b/a InterWest Moving and Storage, Bozeman, Montana. The transfer was noticed to the public on February 9, 2015 and no protests were received. Probable Motion: Approve the transfer of PSC No. 1582.

Class B - Household goods (as defined by Commission) between all points in the State of Montana over any public highways.

SUB A Class C - Property within the City of Bozeman, Montana, and to or from points tributary thereto, but within a distance not exceeding fifty (50) miles in any direction from said city.  
Limitations: Transportation of ashes, waste, trash, refuse, rubbish and garbage is prohibited.

SUB B Class C - Property between all points and places within Madison and Beaverhead Counties. Limitations: 1) Transportation of commodities in bulk or bag, mobile homes, farm equipment or supplies, construction equipment or supplies, or items of a Mercer description is prohibited. 2) All traffic shipments must consist of truckload (TL) shipments only. 3) All shipments must move from one consignor and be destined to one

consignee. 4) All shipments must terminate within twenty-five miles from points of origin.

**Work Sessions** All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. N2014.2.21 – Mountain Water Company – 2013 Regulatory Annual Reports – Discuss and act on whether to grant Mountain Water Company's motion for reconsideration of Order No. 7385b. (3/17/15)
2. N2014.2.21 – Lincoln Telephone Company - 2013 Regulatory Annual Reports – Discuss and act on whether to grant Lincoln Telephone Company's motion for reconsideration of Order No. 7385a. (3/17/15)
3. N2014.2.21 – Southern Montana Telephone Company - 2013 Regulatory Annual Reports – Discuss and act on whether to grant Southern Montana Telephone Company's motion for reconsideration of Order No. 7385. (3/17/15)
4. D2014.11.91 – CenturyLink QC – CenturyLink Service Quality – Act on motion for reconsideration of Order No. 7388a. (3/17/15)
5. D2014.11.91 – CenturyLink QC – CenturyLink QC's Service Quality and its Response to Notice of Commission Action in Docket N2014.3.38, Including Petition for Waiver of 38.5.3371(7)(b) – Discuss and act on Missouri River's request for hearing. (3/17/15)
6. Placeholder – D2008.3.27 – Energy West Incorporated/Cut Bank Gas – Rate case filing requirement as a result of the acquisition of CBG by EWI – Discuss and act on stipulation. (3/17/15)
7. Placeholder – D2007.3.26 – Northridge Water Company – Application to implement initial rates – Discuss options for finalizing docket. (3/17/15)
8. PSC Initiated – Landlord-Tenant Roundtable – To get Commission direction on proceeding to schedule a roundtable to discuss landlord-tenant issues as they relate to utility service, and assigning a non-docket number for tracking purposes. (3/17/15)

9. Legislative – Discuss bills relevant to PSC mission, statutory authority, administrative process and general agency concerns; discuss PSC budget requests/presentation; consider staff analysis and recommendations; provide direction on PSC response to bills. (3/17/15)

### **Other Meetings**

Weekly Scheduling, Review of Monthly Calendars, and Docket Status Updates (if requested by a Commissioner).

**Notice Items** All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.mt.gov/Consumers/comments>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

**Protective Orders – Notice Items** The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 38.2.5007. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Copies of these requests may be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://psc.mt.gov>

**Protective Orders – Information Items** The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to ARM 38.2.5008. Copies of these orders may be viewed on the Commission's web site at <http://psc.mt.gov>

1. NorthWestern Energy D2013.5.33 (Jason)

On January 20, 2015, the Montana Public Service Commission granted the Motion for Protective Order and Brief in Support of Siemens Energy Inc., pertaining to their repair process and pricing information. See Order 7283c.

2. NorthWestern Energy D2013.5.33 (Jason)

On January 22, 2015, the Montana Public Service Commission granted the Motion for Protective Order and Brief in Support of NorthWestern Energy, pertaining to coal quality and pricing information related to its interest in Colstrip Unit 4. See Order 7283d.

3. NorthWestern Energy D2013.5.33 (Jason)

On February 5, 2015, the Montana Public Service Commission granted the Motion for Protective Order and Brief in Support of PPL Montana, LLC, pertaining to the outage history and forced outage rate at Colstrip. See Order 7283e.

**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

D2015.3.22 – Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana - Application for Approval of Interconnection Agreement between Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana and CenturyLink Communications, LLC